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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**Subject: External Economic Activities of the Soviet Bloc**

1. The first two issues of the biweekly report of the Economic Intelligence Committee have been circulated.
2. A background report summarizing Soviet Postwar Economic Activities in the Free World up to February 1, 1956 is in preparation and soon will be ready for circulation.
3. The final draft of the analysis of the Nature and Problems of Soviet Economic Penetration in Underdeveloped Areas is being reproduced for circulation.
4. In addition to the Economic Intelligence Committee program previously reported, represented by #1 and #2 above, the Intelligence Advisory Committee has approved the preparation of a report on "Sino-Soviet Bloc Policy and Probable Effects in Underdeveloped Areas". This estimate will consider the present Soviet policy in underdeveloped areas in the broad context of related political and economic factors. It is expected to be completed in about six weeks.
5. There is also near completion in the Department of State a paper on the policy implications of the Soviet economic campaign.
6. It is believed that this material should be sufficient for undertaking a reexamination of U. S. policy.



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